

**LODI CITY COUNCIL
SHIRTSLEEVE SESSION
CARNEGIE FORUM, 305 WEST PINE STREET
TUESDAY, AUGUST 3, 2010**

A. Roll Call by City Clerk

An Informal Informational Meeting ("Shirtsleeve" Session) of the Lodi City Council was held Tuesday, August 3, 2010, commencing at 7:01 a.m.

Present: Council Member Hansen, Council Member Johnson, Mayor Pro Tempore Hitchcock, and Mayor Katzakian

Absent: Council Member Mounce

Also Present: Interim City Manager Bartlam, City Attorney Schwabauer, and City Clerk Johl

B. Topic(s)

B-1 Receive Presentation from San Joaquin County Human Services Agency Staff Regarding Weatherization Program (CD)

Interim City Manager Rad Bartlam provided a brief introduction into the subject matter of the County weatherization program.

San Joaquin County Human Services Agency representative Cynthia Snyder provided a presentation regarding the San Joaquin County weatherization program. Specific topics of discussion included the history of the program, federal stimulus monies received by the County for the program, types of weatherization that can be performed to make homes more efficient, low income eligibility, application process, average savings per year, public outreach through cities, and general energy savings tips.

In response to Council Member Hansen, Ms. Snyder stated the target number for homes is based on other County agency numbers received throughout the State and the cap is \$3,500 per home with a waiver for the furnace.

In response to Council Member Hansen, Ms. Snyder stated statistics show the greatest participation in the program comes from elderly home owners rather than rentals.

In response to Council Member Hansen, Ms. Snyder stated there is an ebb and flow to the program in that there was a waiting list in the beginning and now staff is waiting for calls from potential participants.

In response to Council Member Hansen, Ms. Snyder stated this weatherization program is specific to the federal American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) stimulus funds and there are other similar County programs that run throughout the year.

In response to Council Member Hansen, Ms. Snyder stated the "Help with the Energy Bill" program is through the County and continues to run separately from the ARRA funded program.

In response to Council Member Hansen, Ms. Snyder stated the program in itself is not creating a lot of jobs and that is also due to the County hiring freeze. She stated that the program funding includes the salaries of the part-time employees administering the program.

In response to Council Member Hansen, Ms. Snyder stated there are approximately 700 individuals employed with the County Human Services Department with state and federal

funding.

In response to Council Member Johnson, Neighborhood Services Manager Joseph Wood stated he will be taking the program information to Code Enforcement and Community Improvement to help identify potential participants.

In response to Council Member Hansen, Ms. Snyder stated the program works on a first come first serve basis throughout cities in the County and there is no proportionate divide at the current time.

In response to Council Member Johnson, Mr. Wood stated there may be some tie in of the subject program with the Public Benefit Program offered by Electric Utility and he will work with Rob Lechner, Manager of Customer Services and Programs, on the same.

In response to Mayor Pro Tempore Hitchcock, Ms. Snyder stated the contractors are hired for the program based on a bidding process and the three contractors include Comfort Air, Homeburg Construction, and Western Installation, all of which were viable businesses prior to the bidding process.

In response to Myrna Wetzel, Ms. Snyder stated the program is open to those with reverse mortgages and is based on income only.

In response to Myrna Wetzel, Ms. Snyder stated the program offers improvements only for the interior of homes and not the exteriors including fencing.

In response to Mayor Katzakian, Ms. Snyder confirmed there is no charge for the program and all costs are covered for participants.

In response to Mayor Pro Tempore Hitchcock, Ms. Snyder stated currently the average amount put into a home is \$900 and that will likely increase to \$1,500.

In response to Council Member Hansen, Ms. Snyder stated the program will allow for the purchase of a microwave even if the resident does not currently have one, but a stove and refrigerator must be existing for replacement.

C. Comments by Public on Non-Agenda Items

None.

D. Adjournment

No action was taken by the City Council. The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 a.m.

ATTEST:

Randi Johl
City Clerk



CITY OF LODI COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

AGENDA TITLE: Receive Presentation from San Joaquin County Human Services Agency Staff Regarding Weatherization Program

MEETING DATE: August 3, 2010

PREPARED BY: Community Development Department

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Receive a presentation from San Joaquin County Human Services Agency (HSA) staff regarding its Weatherization Program.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: Operating within San Joaquin County's Human Services Agency, the Department of Aging and Community Services has developed a Weatherization Program using federal stimulus funding through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA).

San Joaquin County received a total of \$4.2 million in ARRA funding for this Weatherization Program. During the contract period of June 30, 2009 to September 30, 2012, HSA has a goal of reaching 1,028 homes throughout the county.

HSA staff is informing local government agencies about the program and educating and/or assisting residents throughout all of San Joaquin County about energy conservation and weatherization.

The Weatherization Program provides energy-saving measures and repairs to homes, apartments and mobile homes. These dwellings qualify for weatherization measures if someone in the household receives Temporary Aid for Needy Families (TANF), Food Stamps, SSI or SSP, Veterans and Survivors Pension or if the household income does not exceed a certain dollar amount determined by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

Some of the energy-saving measures available are window glass replacement, window sash repair, ceiling insulation, minor home repair, low-flow showerheads, door weather stripping, water heater blanket, duct wrap, switch and outlet gaskets, caulking, refrigerators, microwave ovens and much more.

FISCAL IMPACT: Not Applicable

FUNDING AVAILABLE: Not Applicable

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Konradt Bartlam
Community Development Director

Attachments

APPROVED:

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Konradt Bartlam, Interim City Manager

Presentation Weatherization Program

I. Purpose:

1. To inform local government about the program - expanded focus due to ARRA, and to educate and/or assist ALL SJ County Residents . . . basically to get people talking about energy conservation and weatherization.

II. What is Weatherization?

1. Education, services, and energy conservation measures applied to a home to help reduce energy use

III. American Recovery and Reinvestment Act

1. ARRA
 - a. February 17, 2009
 - b. \$787 Billion into ARRA
 - i. \$61.3 Billion into Energy
 - ii. \$5 Billion in Wx and & programs to increase energy efficiency
 - iii. \$4.2 million to San Joaquin County
 1. 1028 homes
 2. Contract period 06/30/09 to 09/30/12
2. Local Economy Stimulus
 - a. Added staff through county lay-off and transfer lists
 - b. Contracted with 3 local subcontractors

IV. How is Weatherization done?

1. Energy Education, energy related home repairs, blower door guided air sealing, heat system safety tests, duct insulation/sealing, attic insulation, hot water saving measures, energy efficient appliances
2. Who is eligible and required documentation
 - a. Low-income guidelines: example household of 2, monthly income less than \$3,646; household of 4, monthly income less than \$4,774
 - b. Proof of citizenship
 - c. Proof of income
 - d. Most recent energy bill

V. Weatherization Process

1. Phone call, Application, Assessment, Safety issues priority, weatherization work, refrigerator replacement, inspection

VI. Why Weatherize?

1. Reduces energy bills by an average of \$350 per year

VII. Partnerships

1. To reach the eligible population of San Joaquin County Citizens
 - a. To dispense information: FREE services, energy saving for all, work with local city governments to improve the future of San Joaquin County

Energy Saving Tips

- ❑ Turn off lights in unoccupied rooms
- ❑ Turn off unneeded kitchen and bathroom ventilating fans
- ❑ Keep your fireplace damper closed unless a fire is burning
- ❑ Unplug that spare refrigerator in the garage
- ❑ Do full loads when using your dishwasher and washing machine
- ❑ Use cold water on your washing machine
- ❑ Air dry your dishes
- ❑ Clean your clothes dryer's lint trap after each use
- ❑ Replace or clean your furnace filters once a month
- ❑ In the winter, wear warm clothing and adjust your thermostat to 68° or lower during the day and evening and to 55° at night or when leaving home for an extended period of time
- ❑ In the summer, wear cool clothing and adjust your thermostat to 78° or higher when home and to 85° or off when away from the house
- ❑ Cool your house with fans instead of your air conditioner

More Energy Saving Tips

- ❑ Set your water heater to the "normal" setting or 120°, unless the owner's manual for your dishwasher requires a higher setting
- ❑ Wrap your hot water heater with an insulated blanket
- ❑ Replace incandescent light bulbs with Energy Star® compact fluorescent light bulbs
- ❑ When purchasing new appliances and electronics, choose Energy Star® certified models
- ❑ Install low-flow showerheads
- ❑ Install a programmable thermostat
- ❑ Install weather-stripping on your doors and windows
- ❑ Install gaskets behind outlet covers
- ❑ Increase your home's ceiling insulation
- ❑ Install high efficiency windows



Aging & Community Services Weatherization Program



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help saving
on your
energy bill?***



**San Joaquin County
Weatherization Program**

468-0439



What is Weatherization ?

The Weatherization Program provides services designed to reduce heating and cooling costs and improve the energy efficiency of a home, while safeguarding the health and safety of the household.

How is that done?

The Weatherization of a home *may* consist of the following:

- In-Home Energy Education
- Energy Related Home Repairs
- Blower Door Guided Air Sealing
- Heating System Safety Tests, Repairs, Tune-ups or Replacements
- Duct Testing, Insulation and Sealing
- Attic Insulation
- Hot Water Saving Measures
- Energy Efficient Appliances
 - Refrigerator
 - Gas Stove
 - Microwave
 - Hot Water Heater
 - Heater
 - Air Conditioner
 - Thermostat
- And More

Who is eligible?

Households in San Joaquin County that meet the following income Requirements:

Household Size	Gross Monthly Income
1	\$2,482.61
2	\$3,246.49
3	\$4,010.37
4	\$4,774.25
5	\$5,538.13
6	\$6,302.01

How do I apply?

You will need:

- ✓ Proof of Citizenship or Birth Certificate
- ✓ Copy of your most recent energy bill
- ✓ Copy of your most recent income statement/paystub

**Call the Weatherization
Program at (209) 468-0439**

What else can I do?

- Apply for San Joaquin County's Home Energy Assistance Program by calling 209-468-3988 for more information
- Ask about the CARE Program which provides monthly gas/electric bill discounts to low-income households.
- Ask PG&E about additional discounts if someone in your household has medical needs that make your utility bills high.
- Ask PG&E about the Balance Payment Plan that evens out the highs and lows in your bill to help budget your monthly energy costs.



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